

ON MISSION WITH JESUS TO SAVE LOST PEOPLE
LUKE 5:27–6:11
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Introduction:

Jesus came to save every area of our lives so we can experience true Shalom.

1. Today: Jesus calls people to go on his mission with him.
2. Today: Opposition to Jesus is ramping up.

Outside of Nazareth, Jesus is admired and acclaimed. [**Luke 4:15; Luke 4:32; Luke 4:42; Luke 5:15**]

Luke 5:27-28) Jesus incites opposition by choosing tax collector to go on mission with him.

Levi leaves everything in order to get something better. [**14:33**]

Levi is a man of great faith.

Luke 5:29-32)

Levi is now on mission with Jesus to save lost people.

He doesn't give away all he has but uses it on mission with Jesus to reach lost people.

Eating with sinners is part of Jesus' strategy to reach sinners.

Each of us has a unique, God-designed set of people we can reach: relatives, friends, work associates, family, neighbors.

Verse 32 shows us Jesus' mission (and ours if we follow Jesus).

Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to convict lost people, and Jesus sends us to open their eyes by sharing the gospel with them [**Acts 26:17-18**].

Luke 5:33-35)

Fasting is good, but the timing is wrong.

Luke 5:36-39) The two parables are allegories.

In the ancient world, what was old was good (opposite our culture).

But some older ways of thinking needed to be replaced.

Luke 6:1-2)

Now we're talking about one of the Ten Commandments, not just a food law.

Picking grain could be seen as harvesting, which was not allowed (Exodus 34:21).

Luke 6:3-5)

The Pharisees know the Old Testament story but miss the point.

Only the priests were allowed to eat the sanctified bread (Leviticus 24:5-9).

Jesus has the authority to interpret the divine intention behind the Sabbath law.

Luke 6:6-7)

Now the opposition really ramps up: they want to kill Jesus (Mark 3:6).

Medical work was only allowed if a life was in danger, a baby was being born, or for circumcision on the eighth day.

Luke 6:8-11) There are a number of important lessons here:

This is a turning point. They are totally frustrated with Jesus and want to kill him.

Key Lessons from Luke 5:27–6:11

-We are on mission with Jesus to save lost people.

-Like Jesus, we need to be with unbelievers.

-Jesus' message does not fit with the religion of the day.

-Being on mission with Jesus will lead to pushback from the world.